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Ghost Bike Memorial Ride to Honor Fallen Bicyclists

Minneapolis / St.Paul-October 2008 - This Saturday, the bicycle community will come together to honor the memory of cyclists who have been killed in recent accidents on Twin Cities streets. A memorial ride will visit the sites of three of the most recent crashes, where "Ghost Bikes" have been placed as a memorial to the victims. For more info on Ghost Bikes please visit <http://www.ghostbikempls.org> .

Family, friends and cyclists are invited to participate in this group ride. Organizers are asking that participating cyclists please wear a black shirt with orange ribbon around their arm or handlebars. Ribbon will be provided for those who need it.

What: Memorial Ride to Honor Fallen Bicyclists
13.6 miles for Twin Cities route (<http://www.bikemap.net/route/89109>)
14.3 miles extra for Blaine route (<http://www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=2304032>)
Where: Meet on the traffic island at Summit and Snelling Avenues in St.Paul
When: This Saturday, October 4th, 2008. Meet at 10:30 am; depart 11:00 am

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The ride will begin at Summit and Snelling Avenues near the ghost bike memorial for Virginia Heuer Bower. It will then head west down Lake Street to Excelsior and West 32nd Street, the ghost bike memorial for Jimmy Nisser. The ride will then head back up Excelsior/Lake, then northeast on Hennepin to the ghost bike memorial for Nik Morton.

There is an unrelated "group photo" event at 3pm at Gold Medal Park (the red square on the bikemap) and participants are welcome to continue on to be part of the "Unite Bike" group photograph: <http://www.unitebike.com/>

In the afternoon, another ride will head to Blaine in order to place a Ghost Bike at Central and Cloverleaf, where cyclist Dale Aanenson was killed.

Riders are expected to be orderly and respectful of traffic. If you are riding recklessly, you will be asked to leave.

More discussion on the memorial ride can be found on the community message board Minneapolis Bike Love: <http://www.mpls bikelove.com/forum/viewtopic.php?p=120680#p120680>

Information about the victims of these tragedies can be found here:

Dale Phillip Aanenson - <http://www.legacy.com/StarTribune/Obituaries.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=117902776>
Virginia M. Heuer - <http://www.legacy.com/StarTribune/Obituaries.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=118137017>

Nik Morton - <http://www.legacy.com/startribune/obituaries.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonID=118097033>

Jimmy Nisser - <http://www.legacy.com/StarTribune/Obituaries.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=117453438>